

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal September 14, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you are well. We have been busy reviewing data and using that information to inform next instructional and support steps. This best practice is something we do throughout the school year. We have also begun our work around the SRVUSD Learner Profile (see below for more information).

A personal highlight for me this week was visiting our 5th grade Sharks at camp. The camp is in a beautiful setting - surrounded by Redwoods with access to a creek. I was able to accompany a group on a creek exploration. Students enjoyed getting their hands dirty and their feet wet (literally). I loved seeing the students in a different setting, working together and making connections with students beyond the classroom. And, I am delighted to report, there were numerous banana slug sightings!

Keep reading for some dates to remember, information about the Learner Profile Traits, science in action, Attendance Matters, Advocacy Day, and the district-wide LCAP committee.

Dates to Remember:

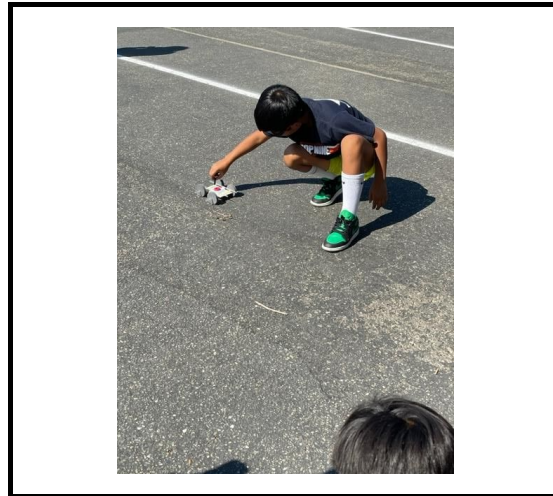
- 09/14 - Site Council Meeting - Virtual @ 4:00pm
- 09/14 - Town Hall Meeting
- 09/19 - Giveback Day - Hazy BBQ
- 09/20 - Shark Fund Meeting - Virtual @ 6:30pm
- 09/21 - Festival Around the World
- 09/25 - No School
- 09/26 - No School
- 10/02-10/06 - Conference Week - Min. Day Schedule

SRVUSD Learner Profile Traits:

Last year a team of SRVUSD staff and community members worked together to develop the SRVUSD Learner Profile Traits. These are the underlying skills that support academic success. You will see posters with these traits around the campus. I frame the traits as - Sycamore Sharks are Critical Thinkers, Creative Contributors, Intentional Collaborators, Effective Communicators and Adaptable Learners. We will be working on these traits as a staff and as a community.

4th Grade Science:

4th graders made cars in science class and tested it out on the blacktop today. They collaborated with partners to design their car. This project is an example of at least three Learner Profile Traits in action as students were Intentional Collaborators, Creative Contributors and Critical Thinkers.



District Information -

Attendance:

September is Attendance Awareness Month. It is important that students attend school each day and arrive on time. To that end you should have received a communication from the district regarding the Attendance Awareness Month Participation Board. Students are invited to submit a slip sharing why they like coming to school. The slips are available in the office. Participating students will be entered in a raffle at the end of the month and winners will select a prize from the treasure box.

Advocacy Day:

Get ready for **Advocacy Day 2023!** We've all faced many challenges in our schools and communities recently. Recognizing that, our focus this year will be on putting children and families first by encouraging connection, community, and civility. We are hoping to help our families and schools come together so we can all help our children thrive. Because after all...it's about the kids.

LCAP:

The District is launching the development of the 3-year Local Control Accountability Plan (2024 - 2027), a State required action and expenditure plan for educational programming aligned to state identified priorities. The committee membership will be composed of staff, students, parents and community members.

Recruitment for LCAP Committee Representatives is underway and will continue until 9/22. Representatives include staff (certificated and classified), parents, students and administrators. Next week we will launch the recruitment campaign on social media and post a message to our website.

Interested individuals should complete **this brief survey**. The committee will be limited to approximately 30 representatives. If interest is greater than available slots, selection will be based on ensuring a broad representation from across the district. LCAP Committee meetings are scheduled for the following dates from 5:30 - 7:00

pm and committee members are expected to attend all meetings: October 24, 2023; December 5, 2023; January 23, 2024; March 19, 2024; May 7, 2024
Applicants will receive notification letters the week of September 25, 2023.

Have a wonderful week!!
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



- 09/14 - Site Council Meeting - 4:00pm - Virtual**
- 09/14 - Town Hall Meeting - Location: Monte Vista HS - 5:30-7:30pm**
- 09/15 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or blue clothing**
- 09/15 - Deadline to donate to Shark Fund/PTA to receive a school magnet**
- 09/18 - Deadline for Directory Cover Art Contest**
- 09/19 - Hazy BBQ Giveback Event**
- 09/19 - SLAM Info. Night 6:00 - 7:00pm - MPR**
- 09/20 - Shark Fund Meeting - Virtual - 6:30pm**
- 09/20 - Dippin Dots**
- 09/21 - Festival Around the World 5:00pm - 7:00pm - Blacktop**
- 09/21 - Family Game Night Tickets go on sale at 7:00pm**
- 09/22 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or blue clothing**
- 09/25 - No School**
- 09/26 - No School**
- 09/29 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or blue clothing**
- 10/02 - 10/06- Conference Week - Min. Day Schedule**
- 10/04 - Dippin Dots**
- 10/06 - Family Game Night**
- 10/18 - Dippin Dots**
- 10/26 - Recess with Danville P.D.**
- 10/31 - Halloween Parade**
- 10/31 - Adjusted Wednesday Schedule**

Attendance Line



**Please call the attendance line
to report an absence:
925-855-2898**

**AR 5113 States that all absences which are not cleared
within two days after a student's return to school shall be
recorded as unexcused (CUT).**

Reminder:

- If your child will be absent from school, please call the attendance line (925) 855-2898. State your name and relationship, your child's name, grade and teacher name along with the reason for absence. If your child is ill, please let us know what symptoms your child is experiencing.

- If your child has COVID-19, please notify the school office.
- If you choose not to leave illness details, you will receive a call from the attendance office asking for more information.

It is our responsibility to maintain the health and safety of our school community and we ask for your cooperation. Your student's private health information will not be shared beyond administrative or nursing staff.

Note: Even if you have notified your child's teacher, please call the attendance line to record the absence!

Thank you.

Reminder:

**If you need to drop-off items for your
child or their teacher,
please call the school office
when you arrive at the main gate.
(925) 855-2800**

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRVUSD_Community

**SRVUSD IS VISIONING
FOR THE FUTURE!**

**Take the Long Range
Facilities Planning
survey today!**



[bit.ly/VisioningSRVUSD](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRVUSD_Community)

Survey Deadline: September 15th

We need insight from our community about what is most crucial in supporting educational program needs, district goals and student achievement.

Contact communications@srvusd.net with any questions

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YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED!

The integrated design firm LPA Design Studios have partnered with San Ramon Valley USD (SRVUSD) to create a roadmap for the next 15 years and beyond through a Districtwide Long-Range Facilities Development Planning process. The design team has begun working on conceptual design through collaboration with SRVUSD's educators and campus site admin. SRVUSD is asking for the highest levels of community engagement to ensure all voices are heard.

Have questions? Contact Renee Kanalakis at rkalana@srvusd.net

Town Hall #3 Location

The Commons at Monte Vista High School
3131 Stone Valley Rd, Danville, Ca 94526

September 14, 2023

5:30 - 7:30 PM

No RSVP Necessary!

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors

Meet Your Team!

LPA Education Facility Planners

Refreshments

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided



Town Hall #3 Schools: 9 Campuses



Creekside Elementary



Golden View Elementary



Green Valley Elementary



Sycamore Valley Elementary



Tassajara Hills Elementary



Vista Grande Elementary



Diablo Vista Middle



Los Cerritos Middle



Monte Vista High

Don't See Your School?

See Other Town Hall Sessions Below:

Town Hall #1 | September 7, 2023

Bollinger Canyon ES
Country Club ES
Montevideo ES
Neil Armstrong ES
Twin Creeks ES
Walt Disney ES
Iron Horse MS
Pine Valley MS
California HS

Town Hall #2 | September 13, 2023

Bella Vista ES
Coyote Creek ES
Hidden Hills ES
Live Oak ES
Quail Run ES
Gale Ranch MS
Windemere Ranch MS
Dougherty Valley HS
Dal Amigo Continuation HS
Venture Independent Study

Town Hall #4 | September 20, 2023

Alamo ES
Greenbrook ES
Montair ES
John Baldwin ES
Rancho Romero ES
Charlotte Wood MS
Stone Valley MS
San Ramon Valley HS
Adult Transition and REACH Programs (Del Campus)



Increase sales, support your community, and get a tax deduction! It's the easiest advertising decision you'll make all year.

Become a Sycamore Corporate Sponsor 2023-2024!



Become a Sycamore 2023-2024 Corporate Sponsor!



Big thanks to our incredible sponsors! With your support, we've raised \$15,000 for our Sycamore Sharks so far.

We're just 3 corporate sponsors away from our \$25,000 goal!



Why Sponsor Sycamore?

- Boost your business visibility at school events.
- Attract Sycamore supporters to your business.
- Enjoy a valuable tax write-off.
- Help us reach our fundraising target!

Act Now! Secure Your Sponsorship by 9/29/23 and Enjoy:



Logo on the 2023 Fun Run Shirt: Your logo will be proudly displayed on the 2023 Fun Run shirts, ensuring that your business is seen by every student during the thrilling Fun Run event and again during spirit week. It's an opportunity to make a lasting impression and be part of their exciting school memories!







Logo on the 2023 Fun Run Water Bottle: Your logo on the 2023 Fun Run water bottles means your business is in every student's hand during the fall Fun Run event. It's an impactful way to keep your brand at the forefront while hydrating our young athletes and promoting a healthy lifestyle.



An Ad in the School Directory: By placing an ad in our School Directory, you not only support our community but also gain visibility among Sycamore Valley families. Your business becomes a valuable part of our network, fostering connections and strengthening community bonds.

But that's not all! Your sponsorship also includes:

-  **Logo on the LED Screen:** Be showcased as a sponsor for all promoted school events!
-  **Logo in the Shark Bites weekly newsletter:** Sent to 450 Sycamore families.
-  **Logo and shout-out at each family game night:** Join the fun and get noticed!
-  **Logo included in the yearbook:** Be a part of the lasting memories!

For all the exciting details, check out the **[attached flyer](#)**.

To become a corporate sponsor, contact
Katerina McCormack katerinitsa@aol.com and
Christine Hoffman mrschristinehoff@gmail.com

Let's make this school year unforgettable, together!



WHY JOIN?

SYCAMORE PTA NEEDS YOU!



#1 OUR STUDENTS BENEFIT

Help your child perform better academically by being an active participant and role model in the community that helps raise your child!



#2 OUR SCHOOL BENEFITS

Help create a positive, caring, and engaging community by supporting the teachers and administration!



#3 CREATE CONNECTIONS

Develop powerful relationships with teachers and staff while making life-long friends with other parents!



#4 YOU BENEFIT

Volunteering your time, talents, and energy while socializing with other parents is fun, healthy, and rewarding!



**READY
TO SIGN UP?**

Contact PTA President Dana Claffey at dana.claffey@gmail.com or join us for one of our monthly meetings, held every first Wednesday. Info in Sharkbites

PTA needs your help

Sign up today to help!

PTA Open positions:

- T/K Deep Copier
 - 4th grade Deep copier
 - 5th grade Deep copier
 - PTA/Shark Fund Deep copier
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Festival Around the World

(Thursday Sept 21st 5-7 pm)

The Black Top at Sycamore Valley Elementary



Come join us in celebrating the traditions, food, and fun of the many countries and culture that make up the Sycamore community.

Sycamore is excited to be hosting our annual Festival Around the World on September 21st on the black top. We are looking for families to host booths which would require a poster board with information about the country or culture and a few items for the students to see (e.g. art, clothing, tools, flags, etc.), and a hands on activity (eg. Small art project, game, toy to try). We will be hosting a recorded zoom information session 8/31 at 6:00pm which will be announced on constant contact. We will also be needing volunteers on Sept. 21st to assist with set up, take down, and raffle prizes. Please sign up under sign up genius or email sukhdeepsull@gmail.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DAAFAC25-festival>

Calling All 5th Grade Artists! Directory Cover Art Contest Deadline Extended to Monday, Sept. 18th !

Exciting News: Deadline Extended for 5th Grade Directory Art Contest!

Get ready to make your mark!

BIG NEWS: we are extending the 5th-grade Directory Art Contest deadline to submit your awesome art until **Monday, September 18th**, to make sure everyone can join in after Outdoor Ed.

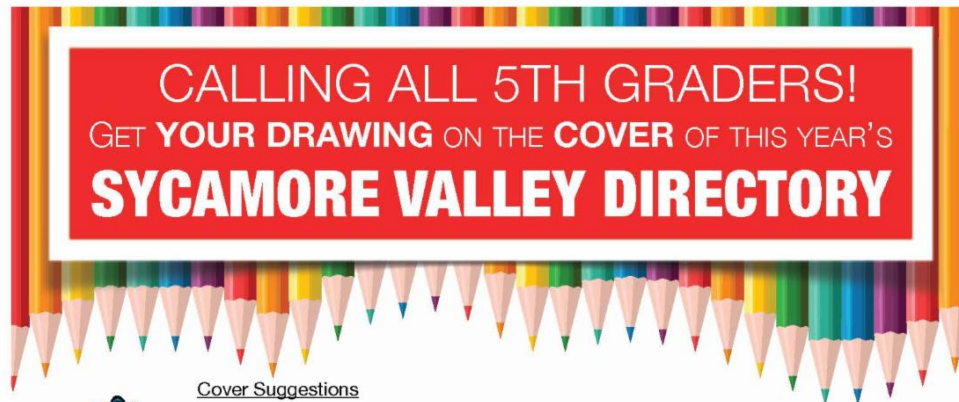
Return your entry to the office by Monday, September 18th (or scan and email to Christine Hoffman at Christy1a@aol.com .

Grab your art supplies and start creating. Your masterpiece could end up on

the cover of our School Directory!

Any questions? Reach out to Christine Hoffman at Christy1a@aol.com

Good luck!!



Cover Suggestions



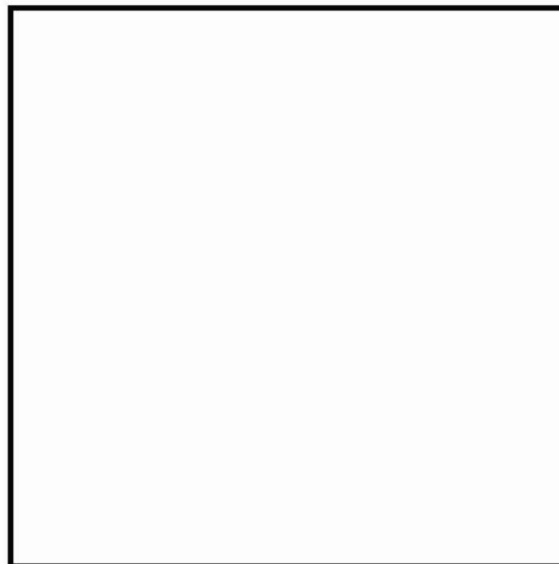
- Dark Ink and Black & White drawings with clean lines show up best.
- Dimensions: 4 ½ in x 4 ½ in
- Show how we "Stay Connected" at Sycamore!

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

RETURN ENTRIES TO THE OFFICE BY: **MONDAY, SEPT. 18TH**

Questions? Call Christine Hoffman at (925) 575-7076 or email: christy1a@aol.com



Family Game Night

Tickets will go on sale September 21st at 7:00pm

Sharky invites your family to Sycamore for an evening of bingo, trivia, prizes, dinner and a ton of fun on Friday, October 6th! Dinner will be served at 6:00pm and games will begin at 6:30pm. This is not a drop-off event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets will go on sale 9/21 at 7 PM (they sell out quickly):

<https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store>

Please note: this is a limited 150 person capacity event -
Please limit your party to immediate household members only.
No tickets will be sold at the door



GAMES FUN PRIZES

FAMILY EVENT | **OCT 6 6-8 PM** | **SYCAMORE MPR**

6:00 PM CHECK-IN & DINNER, 6:30 PM GAMES BEGIN
COST IS \$15 PER PERSON (INCLUDES PIZZA, CAESAR SALAD, WATER & COOKIE)



TICKETS GO ON SALE 9/21 AT 7:00PM
SYCAMOREVALLEY.FUTUREFUND.COM/STORE

*\$15 per person. 150 person capacity event. NO tickets will be sold at the door
Register on future fund and sign PTA waiver before Thursday October 5th.*



Big Thanks, Sycamore Superstars!

HUGE THANK YOU to every single one of our fantastic Sycamore families who stepped up and donated to the Shark Fund and PTA during registration! Look out for heartfelt thank-you notes and this year's super cool car magnet making its way to your home later this month.

Didn't donate during registration? You can still get your 2023 Sycamore Car magnet by donating to the [Shark Fund](#) and becoming a [PTA member](#) through the Future Fund Store by this Friday, 9/15.

Thank you again for being the shining stars that you are. We couldn't do it without you, and we can't wait to see you proudly displaying your Sycamore swag on your cars!

9/15 DEADLINE
DONATE FOR YOUR MAGNET

GET YOUR SYCAMORE CAR MAGNET

It's not too late to donate!

Didn't donate during registration? You can still get your 2023 Sycamore Car magnet by donating to the Shark Fund and PTA through the Future Fund Store by this Friday, 9/15. Don't miss out!

sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store
Thank you to our amazing Sycamore families who donated during registration!

SHARK FUND

PTA



Extracurricular Extension Programs for Grades 3 - 5 in the subjects of Science, Language, Arts, Math and Research!

Save the Date!
SLAM Info Night
Tuesday, September 19th
6:00-7:00pm in the MPR

Parents interested in learning more about this year's SLAM program, please join us to hear about the program, find out what's new for this year, talk to program leads, and volunteer to help! Most SLAM programs are best suited for 3rd-5th graders, however, several programs may be able to include students from grades 1st-2nd too if there is enough interest and we have enough parent volunteers.

We are still looking for parent volunteers to help lead the following programs:

- Odyssey of the Mind
- Research
- Science Builder's Challenge
- Science Fair
- Science Olympiad

All SLAM volunteers are required to have level 1 clearance through the district (level 2 or 3 may be required in certain circumstances).

Please see the district's [volunteer requirements](#). Learn more about the open roles and sign up to volunteer [here](#).

SLAM INFO NIGHT



Learn about each of the programs in SLAM, find out what is new this year, talk to program leads, see example projects from previous years, volunteer to help, sign up your kids!



When?

Tues. 9/19
6-7PM

Where?

Sycamore
MPR

Who?

Parents of
1st-5th
graders

Any questions about SLAM?

Please email : goscymoreslam@gmail.com



Shark Fund Giveback Event!

Help us support a local Danville business on Tuesday, 9/19 with Hazy BBQ! You can dine in, purchase online, or grab takeout all day long and Hazy will donate 15% back to our school (or 20% if we reach \$2,500 in sales!). Use code

SVE23 for online purchases.



DINE N' DONATE

JOIN US TO RAISE MONEY FOR
SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY

SEPT
19

15% OF SALES
EARNED WILL BE
DONATED BACK

USE CODE "SVE23" WHEN
ORDERING ONLINE

ALL DAY LONG

VALID FOR TAKEOUT, DINE IN AND ALL
ALCOHOL AND FOOD PURCHASES FROM HAZY BARBECUE



IF WE HIT \$2,500 IN SALES
HAZY WILL DONATE 20% BACK

 www.hazybarbecue.com

 Hazy Barbecue
200 Hartz Avenue Danville, CA 94526

Run For Education

Click on this link to register:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2023/64853/the-2023-run-for-education-san-ramon>

FLYER

Last Chance for Best Pricing! Register for the Run for Education Today!



Don't miss out on a popular community event and tradition spanning 40 years and the largest run that supports education in Northern California: The Run for Education on Sunday, October 8 at 2700 Camino Ramon in San Ramon, adjacent to City Center. **Catch the best pricing by registering today! Prices go up after September 15.** Events include:

- 8 am: **10K**
- 8:30 am: **5K** walk/run/stroll
- 11 am: **Mini Run** for 2-6 years olds - participants receive our signature Mini Run cape and post-race treats
- 1 pm: **Friendship Run** for participants with special needs and their supporters
- All participants receive a shirt and medal!

[Register Here](#)

Once your registration is complete, you will receive a unique referral link. Get 4 friends to sign up using your link and receive a **\$5 Menchie's gift card!** Plus, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a pair of **ASICS GEL-NIMBUS 25 shoes!**

In addition to selecting a school fundraising team when you register, you may also sign up to walk/run/roll/stroll with a team of your choice. Grab your team, club, troop, or pack and join the San Ramon Police Department and other local organizations signing up as a team. Add to the team fun by dressing up and entering our [Centipede Competition!](#)

Looking for an easy and fun way to get involved in a community event? Join us as a volunteer: <http://bit.ly/2023rfevolunteers>



Dippin' Dot Calendar: 9/20 , 10/04 , 10/18

Dippin Dot Pre-pay Punch Cards are Back!

Punch cards can be purchased for **\$25.00** at all Dippin Dot Wednesday events with cash or check made payable to "Sycamore Shark Fund"

- Prepay for 5 Dippin' Dots, get one free
- Save time in line
- No need to bring money to school
- Families can share one card
- 100% of proceeds benefit your students at Sycamore

Shark Fund would like to Thank You for your support with our Wednesday Dippin' Dot Wednesday Fundraiser.

In just two events, Dippin dots has sold **over \$2,000!!!!!!**

Kindergarten Sales @ 11:30 am near the Kinder playground
1st-5th Grade Sales @ 12:50-1:10pm near the back MPR/blacktop entrance

Lost Punch Cards or any other Dippin Dot questions please contact

Dippin' Dot Dana Claffey

925-407-7178 Dana.claffey@gmail.com

dippin' dots

\$5 each

cotton candy

rainbow

cookies 'n cream

cookie dough

Shark Fund is proud to offer Dippin' Dots

Do you need a way to keep track of all of your students' items at school? Buy personal labels for your kids at campaigns.mabelslabels.com Choose our organization from the list, **Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Fund**, and we'll earn 20% from it!

BACK TO SCHOOL You get labels, we raise funds.

mabel's labels FUNDRAISING

Buy personal labels for your kids at campaigns.mabelslabels.com

Choose our organization from the list **Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Fund** and we'll earn 20% from it!

Keep your things out of the lost and found!



Library Corner

Library visits ...

I am so excited to welcome all of our Sharks to the library this year!

Your Shark Fund donations make it possible for me to have enough time in the week to see each and every class. Thank you for your generosity and support!

If you are interested in being a library volunteer and missed the Back to School sign ups, please reach out to your room parent, and they will forward the information to me.

Take Care,
Jen Prindiville / Library Media Coordinator

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you to our volunteers for our first Sharky Cinema of the school year.



**The next Site Council meeting will be held in:
In September - Tentative date: Sept. 14th at 4:00pm
All parents/guardians are welcome!**

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/meh-okgk-vdw

Phone Numbers (US)

+1 860-540-6705

PIN: 621 745 111#



More information about Site Council is available at:

<https://syes.srvusd.net/Families/Site-Council/Site-Council/index.html>



You are welcome to order school photos. Here is the link.

<https://www.ciphotoca.com/sycamorevalley>

You will need to know your child's student number. This can be found in your parent portal.

If you missed school photo on August 30th, we will have a **make-up day / retakes on October 11th.**



Black Dragon Chess - Fall 2023

Chess classes will be offered Thursday afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm.

Chess class will be held in our school library.

Aug. 24 - Nov. 02, 2023

See attached flyer to sign up.

[Chess Enrichment Class](#)

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Sports Camp - Fall 2023 - Start Date Sept. 21st

Description: This Multi-Sport program combines all your favorite sports into one action-packed after-school enrichment experience. Each week participants will learn the fundamentals of a new sport through PLAY! Sports include: Baseball, Basketball, Capture the Ball, Dodgeball, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball, and Ultimate Disc! Skyhawks Coaches provide a positive environment where young athletes can develop at their own pace with lots of encouragement and a big focus on FUN! Your child will leave with new skills, new friends, and a new love for sports!

[Sports Camp Information](#)

[Sports Camp Flyer](#)



The Lost & Found rack is located at the front of our school near the MPR.

Please make sure that your child's name is marked in their clothing.

Smaller Lost & Found items are in the Office.
Water Bottles and Lunch Boxes are on the shelf in the MPR.



Child Nutrition

Meals Provided @ Sycamore

Breakfast & Lunch will be provided at no cost to all students that request a meal at school.

[MENUS](#)

For more information about the meals, please visit the Child Nutrition Website.
<https://www.srvusd.net/Departments/Business-Services/Child-Nutrition/index.html>

Job Openings with Child Nutrition Join the School Meals Team

Sycamore Valley Elementary | 2200 Holbrook Road, Danville, CA 94506

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